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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Jesus Wilfredo Casas-Bejar et al.)
Serial No. : 09/063,227)
Filed : April 20, 1998) Group Art Unit:
For : Medical Electrical Leads and Indwelling Catheters with) 3763
Enhanced Biocompatibility and Biostability) Examiner:
Docket No. : P7109.00) J. Thissell

REPLY to NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.121

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Applicants re-submit in its entirety the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document of the Amended Claims Version with Markings to Show Changes Made (37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii)) in reply to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment dated March 18, 2004. The disposition of the claims stand as follows:

- ◆ Claims 13-19, 24, 27, 29, 33, 34, 36-39, 41, 43 and 44 are pending in the application.
- ◆ Claims 13-19, 24, 27, 29, 33, 34, 36-39, 41, 43, and 44 are rejected.

Summary

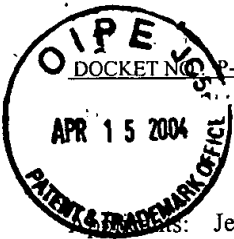
Applicants believe their present response address the outstanding issues presented by the examiner and respectfully request all pending claims be allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Examiner: J. Thissell

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Title: Medical Electrical Leads and Indwelling Catheters with Enhanced Biocompatibility and Biostability

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☒ Amended Claims (Version with Markings to Show Changes Made (37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii))
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FEE CALCULATION

CLAIM AMENDMENT(S)	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Add'l Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	19 -	35 =		x 18	\$00.00
Independent Claims	4 -	10 =		x 86	\$00.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	No			+ 290	\$
TOTAL					\$00.00

XX Applicant hereby petitions for a ____ month extension of time in the prior application. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor;

____ Charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 the sum of \$

____ \$240.00 pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c) without 37 CFR §1.97(e) certification

XX Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Amendment Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.

XX Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

April 9, 2004
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